

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action of July 29, 2005, the Examiner has required an election to prosecute to one of the following patentably distinct species, characterized by the Examiner as:

- A) a) wherein the coating is alkanethiol;
 b) wherein the coating is mercaptosilane;
- B) One metal from claim 4;
- C) One coating from claim 5;
- D) One metal treatment from claim 6;
- E) One solvent from claims 7-8;
- F) One coating method from claims 10-12;
- G) One R from claims 2-3 and 17; and
- H) One group for each of R1, R2, and R3 from claim 16.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, as follows:

- A) a) alkanethiol as a coating
- B) steel
- C) zinc
- D) galvanization
- E) alcohol
- F) roll coating
- G) methyl
- H) alkyl group

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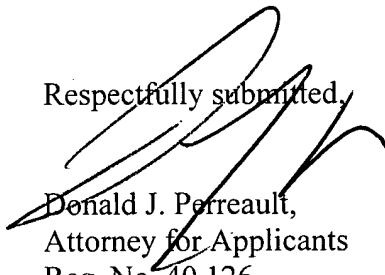
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To facilitate examination, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 16 renders the election under H) moot. Accordingly claims 1-14 and 17 remain in the application. Claims 11 and 12 are drawn to non-elected species. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 13-14 are believed to read on elected species. However, independent claim 1 is believed to be generic. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claims 11 and 12 be retained in the application so that, in the event that claim 1 is allowed, claims 11 and 12 may be rejoined as allowable subject matter.

No fees are believed to be due. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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